

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region

December 3, 2002

ITEM: 10

SUBJECT: Status of Efforts to Require Suspected Dischargers to Investigate
Perchlorate Pollution in the Rialto, Colton and Chino Groundwater
Subbasins

DISCUSSION:

This is an update to the status report presented to the Board on October 25, 2002. In response to the Board's September 13, 2002 direction to issue Investigation Orders to suspected perchlorate dischargers in the Rialto, Colton, and Chino Groundwater Subbasins, the Executive Officer has issued eight Investigation Orders pursuant to Section 13267. The name of each suspected discharger, the date the Investigation Order was issued, and the status of the required investigation as of November 18, 2002 is noted below:

<u>Suspected Discharger</u>	<u>Order Date</u>	<u>Investigation Status as of 11/18/02</u>
• The Goodrich Corporation	9/24/02	Phase 1 in progress.
• American Promotional Events - West, Inc.	9/25/02	Work plan submitted 10/23/02; staff review is complete; site visit occurred 11/12/02; work plan response in preparation.
• The County of San Bernardino (Mid-Valley Landfill & former bunkers)	9/26/02	Phases 1, 2 & 3 complete, phase 4 in progress.
• Aerojet (a subsidiary of GenCorp)	9/27/02	Work plan delinquent, notice of violation issued 11/5/02; staff to meet w/discharger 11/22/02.
• Denova Environmental, Inc.	10/2/02	Work plan delinquent; no response received.
• Pyro Spectaculars by Souza	10/7/02	Extension granted, work plan due 12/9/02.
• Emhart Industries, Inc./B&D Inc.	10/23/02	Work plan due 11/25/02.

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 10/24/02 Work plan due 11/25/02.

In addition to requiring an investigation and submittal of a report on the findings of the investigation, the Investigation Orders encourage the suspected dischargers to jointly pursue the investigation and to jointly explore water supply replacement options. The Goodrich Corporation is currently negotiating such an agreement with the affected water purveyors in the Rialto, Colton, and Chino Groundwater Subbasins.

The Executive Officer will issue additional orders and subpoenas requiring investigation of historical records to additional parties as staff obtains the information necessary to support such actions.

At the December 3rd meeting, staff will provide an update on the status of efforts to issue 13267 orders to additional suspected dischargers, and the compliance status of those who have already received such orders.

In a related matter, the Board adopted a resolution on October 25, 2002, requesting \$3 million from the State Water Resources Control Board's Cleanup and Abatement Account to support wellhead treatment projects to remove perchlorate. The State Board scheduled a resolution approving this funding for its November 19, 2002, meeting. At the December 3rd meeting, staff will provide an update on the outcome of that item.